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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Richard D. McGaughey : March 24, 2004
Serial No. 10/676,769 : Group Art Unit: 3624
Filed: 10/01/2003 : Confirmation No.: 7891

For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SHARING REVENUE ASSOCIATED WITH NEGATIVE COLLECTION INFORMATION

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PETITION FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT UNDER MPEP 1002(b)(27)

Facts:

Applicant filed United States Provisional Application No. 60/415,335 (the '335 provisional application) on October 1, 2002 as noted on the Certificate of Mailing. Exhibit A to Bergin Affidavit. Applicant then filed United States Patent Application No. 10/676,769 (the '769 application) on October 1, 2003, the one year anniversary of the filing of the '335 provisional application as noted on the Filing Receipt. Exhibit B to Bergin Affidavit. The first line of the specification of the '769 application properly claims the priority of the '335 provisional application. Exhibit C to Bergin Affidavit.

Applicant's attorneys received a filing receipt dated December 24, 2003 that incorrectly failed to list anything under the category "Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant." Exhibit B to Bergin Affidavit. Applicant's attorney recognized this

problem and filed an initial Request for a Corrected Filing Receipt as directed by the Office of Initial Patent Examination. Exhibit D to Bergin Affidavit.

On January 21, 2004, applicant was then mailed a Response incorrectly stating "The application(s) to which priority is claimed were filed over a year prior to the filing date of this application. Therefore, the referenced application(s) cannot be claimed as domestic or foreign priority. 60/415,335 filing date 10/01/02." Exhibit E to Bergin Affidavit. Obviously, the '769 utility application was filed on the anniversary of the filing date of the '335 provisional application, thus entitling it to the October 1, 2002 priority date and the matter should have been appropriated concluded with the issuance of a corrected filing receipt.

Applicant submitted a Second Request for Corrected Filing Receipt on February 26, 2004. Exhibit F to Bergin Affidavit. In a bizarre twist, applicant's request was again denied, this time on the grounds that: "[t]he filing date of a parent application cannot be changed by this request. A petition to correct the filing date in the parent application is required. 60/415,335 Filing Date 9/30/02." Exhibit G to Bergin Affidavit. As an initial matter, the filing date of the '335 provisional application is 10/1/02. Secondly, the applicant never requested that the filing date of the '335 provisional application be changed.

Requests:

1. Therefore, based on the above, applicant respectfully suggests that both responding officials were in error in denying applicant's request for a corrected filing receipt and that applicant be granted a corrected filing receipt listing the '335 provisional application under the Domestic Priority section.

2. In the event the filing date of the '335 provisional application is not 10/1/02, as shown in Exhibit A, applicant requests a copy of the filing receipt or any other proof by the Office that 10/1/02 is not the correct filing date of the '335 provisional.

3. Applicant also requests a refund of the entire petition fee based on error by the Patent Office under 35 U.S.C. § 376(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.26 in denying the request for a corrected filing receipt.

Respectfully submitted,
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		Filing Date	10/01/2003
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		Art Unit	3624
		Examiner Name	
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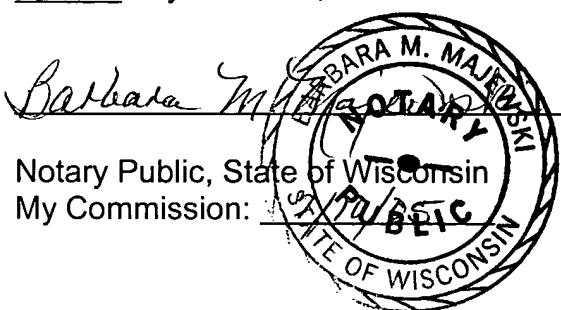
1. I, Patrick M. Bergin, am an attorney registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. My Registration Number is 54,994.
2. Exhibit A is a copy of the Provisional Application for Patent Cover Sheet that accompanied Provisional Application No. 60/415,335.
3. Exhibit B is a copy of the Filing Receipt for United States Patent Application No. 10/676,769 (the '769 application) received by applicant.
4. Exhibit C is a copy of the first page of the specification of the '769 application as filed by the applicant.
5. Exhibit D is a copy of the Request for Corrected Filing Receipt for the '769 application, filed on January 12, 2004.

6. Exhibit E is a copy of the Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt.
7. Exhibit F is a copy of the Second Request for Corrected Filing Receipt.
8. Exhibit G is a copy of the Response to the Second Request for Corrected Filing Receipt.

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Applicant(s)

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

Foreign Applications

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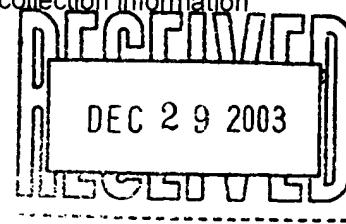
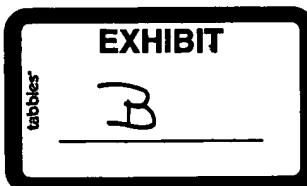
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Methods and apparatus for sharing revenue associated with negative collection information

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APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT

SPECIFICATION

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METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SHARING REVENUE ASSOCIATED
WITH NEGATIVE COLLECTION INFORMATION

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This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/415,335, filed 10/1/2002.

TECHNICAL FIELD

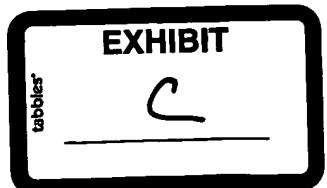
15 The present invention relates in general to computer systems and, in particular, to methods and apparatus for electronically reporting credit information and for sharing revenue associated with negative collection information. The uploaded information is automatically tallied and reported via a computer that is configured to provide up-to-date, on demand information to a collection information supplier any time.

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BACKGROUND

Often, when a person or company is extended financial credit and that credit is in default, the matter is turned over to a collection agency for resolution. Typically, the collection agency 25 reports this "negative" credit information to a credit bureau once a month on a magnetic tape. However, most collection agencies are under no legal or financial obligation to report the negative collection information to the credit bureau. The credit bureau stores negative collection information collected from hundreds of collection agencies in a database.

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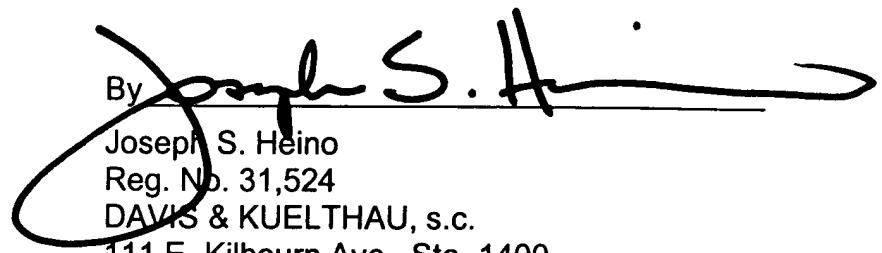
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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

The above-referenced application was filed on 10/1/2003 claiming the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/415,335 filed on 10/1/2002, as referred to in the first page of the present application, a copy of which is attached to this document as well a copy of the original filing receipt. Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a corrected filing receipt in accordance with that priority claim.

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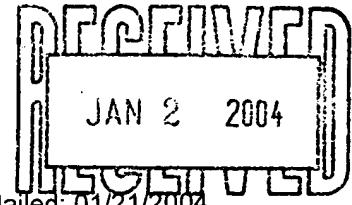
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 - Continuity claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 cannot be added to the Filing Receipt without the applicant supplying the relationship (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part) in an Application Data Sheet or amendment to the first page of the specification.
 - A claim for priority cannot be made based on an application filed after the application making the claim.
 - Domestic benefit and foreign priority claims will not be captured in a provisional application.
 - A provisional application is not entitled to a right of priority or to the benefit of an earlier filing date of any other application. See 35 U.S.C. § 111(b)(7) and 37 CFR 1.53(c)(4).
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Country, Application number, Filing date.
 - This application is the result of a conversion from a provisional application. Priority based on such application cannot be made since it no longer exists as a provisional application.
- The application(s) to which priority is claimed were filed over a year prior to the filing date of this application. Therefore, the referenced application(s) cannot be claimed as

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- To change the benefit claim of a U.S. prior-filed application, applicant must amend the first sentence of the specification (if the benefit claim is referenced in the specification), or provide a supplemental application data sheet (ADS) (if the benefit claim was submitted in an ADS), with the desired benefit claim. Note that once a benefit claim is deleted, applicant will not be able to claim such prior-filed application again, if the above-identified application was filed on or after November 29, 2000.
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SECOND REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Referencing §201.04(b) of the Sixth Edition of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (Revised July 1997) by way of example, the following statement is made:

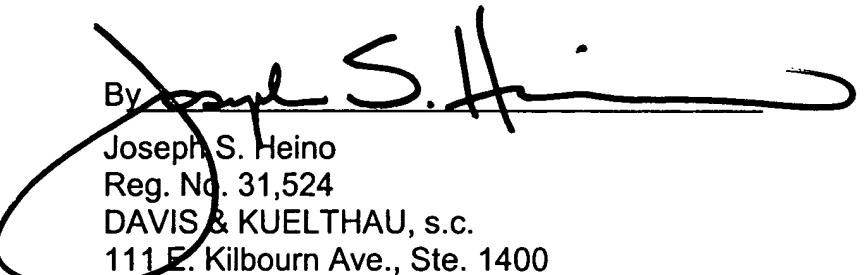
For example, if a provisional application was filed on June 28, 1996, the last day of pendency of the provisional application under 35 U.S.C. 111(b)(5) is June 28, 1997.

Similarly, referencing § 201.04(b) of the Eighth Edition of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (Revised February 2003), the following less direct statement is made:

For example, if a provisional application was filed on January 15, 1999, the last day of pendency of the provisional application under 35 U.S.C. 111(b)(5) and 35 U.S.C 119(e)(3) is extended to January 18, 2000 (January 15, 2000 is a Saturday and Monday, January 17, 2000 is a Federal holiday and therefore, the next succeeding business day is Tuesday, January 18, 2000). A nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of the provisional application must be filed no later than January 18, 2000.

In this last example, it is clear that, but for January 15, 2000 being a Saturday, the last day of pendency would be January 15, 2000. In the instant situation, the provisional application was filed on October 1, 2002. Accordingly, the last day of pendency of the provisional application under 35 U.S.C. 111(b)(5) is October 1, 2003. October 1, 2003 is the date of filing of the instant application. Accordingly, the priority claim of October 1, 2002 should be reflected in the instant application. Correction is respectfully requested.

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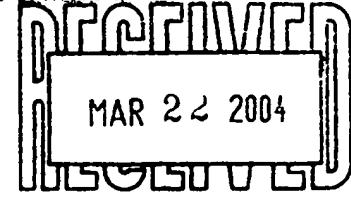
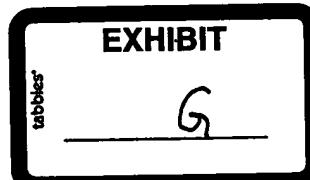
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